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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 22.

1. (Previously presented) A bundle of flattened foil bags having a generally uniform thickness and configured to be supported on a pin support of a foil bag opening machine, each foil bag comprising:
 - a front portion having an upper edge;
 - a rear portion;
 - a sealed bottom;
 - a plurality of first incisions extending entirely through the foil bag, the first incisions having a closed shape substantially equal to a cross-sectional shape of the pin support; and
 - a plurality of second incisions in the front portion and extending between the upper edge and the plurality of first incisions, the second incisions having an essentially straight shape.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Previously presented) The bundle according to Claim 1, wherein the second incisions do not extend into the rear portion.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Previously presented) The bundle according to claim 1 further comprising front side portions having an upper edge; and a plurality of third incisions extending between the upper edge of the front side portions and the plurality of first incisions.
7. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the rearward side folds have openings and incisions similar to the rearward flat foil portion.
8. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision extends in a radial direction with respect to the circular opening.
9. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision comprises a continuously punched cut.
10. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is formed from punched cuttings.

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11. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the opening is of a polygonal shape and comprises incisions extending in a circumferential direction around the opening.

12. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the internal circumferential border of the opening is provided with an amount of polygonal modular shapes, in such a way that the required shear and tensile movement of the foil bag is promoted from the point of connection with respect to the pin support.

13. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision located at a minimum distance from the external circumference has a straight shape.

14. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is at least partly formed as a punched opening.

15. (Withdrawn) A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the upper edge of the foil bag is perpendicular and has straight incisions which extend from said upper edge to the external circumference of the opening and further extend beyond the lower circumferential edge over a length of at least a few mm to about 2 cm.

16. – 20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously presented) The bundle according to Claim 6, further comprising rear side portions, wherein the second incisions do not extend into the rear side portions.

22. (New) A bundle of flattened foil bags configured to be supported on a pin support of a foil bag opening machine, each foil bag comprising:

a front portion having a plurality of first incisions having a closed shape, an upper edge, and a plurality of second incisions having an essentially straight shape extending between the upper edge and the plurality of first incisions;

a rear portion having a plurality of third incisions having a closed shape substantially equal to a cross-sectional shape of the pin support, an upper edge, and a solid surface between the upper edge and the plurality of third incisions; and

a sealed bottom.